In writing the opinions of the court on constitutional questions and others demanding a thorough grasp of the fundamental principles of governorfor he bore a conspicuous part la framing that constitution and it is most zealous in vitalizing the principles thereof.

A few words about Judge Williams the man, will not be armion the in-very generally referred to as "Tob" That in itself is proof that he is a real, red-blooded, companionable har man being. Off the bench he is a man of affairs, a business much of recognized ability, and he taken leading part in the development of the country in a bustness segre-

The Judge has an absorbing interest In farm life. He was been and raised on a farm, and has always multirained his interest in the farming industry. He bas a farm now, and one of his hobbles is the building of dams and lakes and stocking the waters with fish He insists that this not only beautifies the landscape, but, that if the plan were generally followed, it would very materially increase the rainfall

Judge Williams great-grandfather was Jonathan Williams horn in Connecticut, in 1764, whither his fatuer, some years before emigrated from Wates Jonathan Williams emissed to Beardsley's regiment in the Revolutionary Army. After the Revolution be drifted to North Carolina, hving there until 1821, when he went to county, Georgia, with a view of settling in the Creek country. These he did in 1824, settling in Pike county, Alabama. In after years the settlement was known as "Williams' Settlement," and the two sons of Jones than Williams founded what is known as "Williams' Church." Jounthan teltwo sons, Rev. Elisha and Rev. Simeon Williams. Rev. Simeon Williams had a son by the name of Jonathan Williams, who is the father of R. L. Williams.

Bob Williams was born on a farm in the old Williams' Settlement. At sixteen years of age he went to work on his own account, working his way through college to the degree of Master of Arts in Southern University at Greensboro, Alabama. He thinks now he was probably handicapped by his poverty and his shabby clothes, but at any rate he plunged in and fought his way to leadership in intellectual activities in the college. Later he read law with Judge William S. Thorington, for some time dean of the law department of the University of Alabama, and a member of the Alabama Supreme Court. Judge Williams was admitted to practice in September, 1891, and heng out his should at A few years later he went to Texas because of the call of the wild. Texas was too tame, and in 1506 he

MEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE PATTERSON MUST FACE

the lion's share of the work has fathen R. L. Williams, of the Supreme Court, A Judge of the Law and to Justice Williams, and properly and A Man of the People.



R. L. Williams, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

Whether Judge Williams becomes a tires to private life, he will continue men and near-statesmen are discuss-to be a dominating lightener in the ting who will be the democratic can-development of the state. The how a didate for governor next year. of fundamental panelides of sore ra-ment is execultably brack and clear the would in he in social combinate from a mery statisticable and as a newcount of the whole morphs and a commouses he mound. cortainty all the fill.

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The Old Williams Homestead-Birthplace of R. L. Williams.

ally settled at Durant, where he still resides. He was the feut city attorbey for the town of Durant.

As a citizen the judge has always taken as active part in every movement for civic developments. Some have criticised bin for dabbling in politice, but this is characteristic of the man. No activity of his home city, county or state, which looks for the betterment of mankind is too small ti. claim his most vigorous attention, His activity in all public affairs has kept him in close touch with the pro-Pic their conditions and needs. He. steps in and takes sides whether it the selection of the aldermen of his home town or the president of the United States

He has always been an enthusiastic democrat, and he comes from a democratic family. He has unbounded faith in the wisdom and virtue of the people as expressed in elections, and to a very marked degree he typifica all that is best in western citizenship. While Judge Williams lives in destly, though amply able to afford luxury, he is not wedded to the dollar, His many acts of kindly helpfulness stamp him as a man of broad charity. Last winter he gathered all the newsboys in Oklahoma City together at a leading hotel and gave them a real banquet. In Durant, where he known best, one hears most of his benefactions.

came to the Indian Territory and fin. referred to as the John Manuall of Oklahema: It sounds well, and it really suits the case. Chief Justice Manshall of the Supreme Court of the United States, by his bearned and courageous construction of the most progressive constitution up to that time in existence, hammered the loose and discordant elements into a mighty and indissoluble composite, drove the rivets into the frame-work of the world's youngest and greatest national government.

Judge Williams; the first chief justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, has wrought similarly in a more restricted field. Two territories, within the borders of each of which but a few years ago the while man was a trespasser, flung together as a sovereign state under the most progressive or most radical as some critics would insist-constitution yet evolved; two territories markedly dissimilar from the standpoint of orivate law and governmental organization, the Indian Territory has never known the semblance of government, a constitution by with innovations, establishing propositions hitherto x mooted-all this presented gray plexities to Oklahoma's high tr For nearly six years R. L. Willia and his asserbles on the suprebench have wrestled untiringly wit these problems, often with scant prect

Now that the legislature has adcandidate for movemer regains his Journed the hetel gossip has turned place on the Supreme Bench, or los to the gubernatorial topic, and states-

great cannotic for week and his arms; "In connection with this talk no name is heard with more persistency than that of Bob Williams. Judge Williams has held a center place in the public eye since long before statehood. He fought valiantly for statehood long before that dream was re-He was a member of the alized. Constitutional Convention and left his impress on every important section in that document. When the state was admitted to the Union he became its first chief justice.

Beginning with statehood every time we have a big election, to choose either a governor or a United States Senator, or both, somehow the name of Bob Williams bobs up. "What about Bob Williams?" has grown to be a familiar question when conversation veers to some big question of public honor or trust or when the state is about to adopt a policy, either civil or political. Meanwhile Judge Williams has gone serenely on, apparently engrossed with his work on the supreme bench, modestly but firmly dealing out justice and laying down course of procedure which will be followed by the generations to come. Thus far his work on the bench has been of more lasting effect upon the people and the laws than it could have been had he held any other post-

The judge has certainly made good in spite of his early patches and poverty, and has achieved a most lofty position in his chosen state. He has always been a very hard worker; a man of dynamic energy and posi-tive pinions. He has the courage to stand for what he regards right; he stands out ruggedly for the honest straightforward statesmanlike things in politics.

Away back a decade ago, Judge R. Williams was an active factor in Indian Territory politics. He was the democratic national committeeman when a place on the national committee was practically the only representation the eastern part of the state had in the civil government of the When the Constitutional Convention was called he was elected as a delegate. He became one of the foremost leaders of that great body of men, and his handiwork may be seen by the student in every vital department of the organic law of the As a member of the Constitutional Convention be was placed on the committees on judiciary, revenue and taxation, legislative department, primary elections, legal advisory and public service corporation, and of the last two he was chairman. He was the author of practically all the constructive provisions inaugurated in Article

BIG AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Visitors to the New State Fair who are interested in the different makes of automobiles will see a display of automobiles at the Fair that will be quite an education. The difmobiles of a great many makes have solicits your support. engaged space for their display and this show will be one of the features of the fair.

FOUTHERN ORJECTIONS

The news comes from Washing ton that Hon, A. E. Patterson, a prominent lawver of Muskogee has been appointed to succeed J Napler as registrar of the U. S

the cornes or glad tidings to minds of Mr. Patterson and what as a surprise to the that President Wilson and not appoint an Oklahoman to this office. Mr. Patterson, aside from being a consistent and per deront Democrat, is well quali Tell to fill the position with credit to both himself and the race. He a sac essful business man, and lawyer and an astute poli le'nn. But above all this, he is a free race man. It is regretted that my objection should come from White Democrats of this state to Mr. Patterson's appointment. It mly shows the smallness of that as of Southernized Democratcho always oppose Negroes in ev erything. It remains now to be on if the Congress of the United Okla, States will stoop to appease this little wave of race prejudice.

There is no question that the Negro vote decided the victory for the Democratic party last fall and that party is now on trial with the begro sitting in judgment.

Time, there is a countless num er of hungry White Democrats who need feeding but that is no good reason for denying the Ne gro just recognition when he has kept faith with the party. Our guess is that Mr. Patterson's ap pointment will be confirmed and he will be next registrar of the U. S. treasury.

New York Hotel Must Open To All Comers

The hotels and other public places in New York cannot dis riminate against the Colored peo le and other races after Septem er I, when the new civil rights passed by the last legislature into effect. Under the new w it is a fine of \$100 with im pleanment for the proprietor of my hotel, rooming house or any kind of public place where disrimination is allowed on account race or color. This is certainly progressive step on the part of be Empire state and it is hoped that such civilization will eventually come about in other states.

M, E. Church Dedication

The dedication of the M E burch last Sunday was attended by a large crowd of friends and members of the church and a very excellent program was rendered.

Captain T. D. Jackson, who was on the program for an address. spent the time allotted to him onlogizing Chief Yoder of the city police department for having de riled one of his men to help raise Hille, The program was a cred it to Rev. Jones, pastor of the church, and was very much en minister He and his talente to inved by those present. The days wife will make Supulpa their the ended with a sermon by home ev 11. T. S. Johnson, district preding elder of Muskogee.

Grand Officers Off To Supreme Convention At Memphis

Dr Humphry Grand Protector Lawyer Martin Grand Attorney and H T Hutton Grand Secretary and Treasure of the knight one button of which furnis .J and Ladies of Honor of Okla. left Thursday night for Mem phis f'enn to attend the Supreme on vention of this order These much honors for Oklahoma.

410 North Greenwood st. morning.

K. and L. of H.

Grand Officers Directory

The Knights and Ladies of Honor held their Grand Lodge meet ing in Wagoner last week and af ter two very successful days of general business adjourned the meeting sine die to meet at Tui

sa next year.

At this session of the Grand Lodge the Tulsa Star was adopt ed as official organ for the order in this state.

Following is the roster of Grand officers elected at this Grand Lodge meeting. This roster will uppear in each issue of the Star: Grand Protector-Dr. W. B. Humphrey, Box 667, Sapulpa,

Grand Past Protector-W. M. Henry, Box 101, Ft. Gibson, Okla. Grand Vice Protector-W W. Maxey, Okuulgee, Okla.

Okla.

Grand Secretary-Rev. W: H. Buchanan, Wagoner, Okla.

Grand Treasurer-Mis, M. M. Humphrey, Box 667, Sapulpa.

Grand Chaplain-C. W. Heary. 118 N. Greenwood, Tulsa, Okla. Grand Guide—Mrs. Chanie Smith, Wagoner, Okla.

Grand Guardian-Mrs. Alice Smith. Grand Sentinel-J. W. Griffith.

Box 126, Depew, Okla. Grand Sec. Treas. of Endow-ment-H. T. Hutton, Box 478, Sa-

pulpa, Okla. Grand Medical Register-Dr. G. W. Haynes, Box 251, Wagoner,

Okla. Grand Matron-Mrs. H. Wil liams, 310 N. Frankfort, Tulse,

Okla . Grand Lecturer-Rev. .T W. Kidd, Tulsa, Okla.

Grand Trustees-Rev. A. Turner, Box 531, Okmulgee; Rev. E. D. Williams, Sapulpa, and Mrs. F. P. Alexander, Wagoner. Grand Attorney-Freeman L.

Martin, Tulsa, Okla. Grand Auditing Committee -8.

T. Wiggins, Chairman, Wagoner; W. I. Nall, Sapulpa, and A. J. Smitherman, Tulsa, Okla. Every lodge in the state will be expected to send in their reports for publication in the Star at least once a month. Such reports should reach this office not later than Wednesday of each week. The above directory is to keep each lodge member posted as to the Grand officers and should any member of any lodge desire to communicate with any Grand officer this directory will give the full name and address of such Grand officer.

Send all communications to The Tulsa Star, Tulsa, Okla.

Sapulpa News

Rev G W H Hopewell wa bands which made this dedication elected pastor of Mt Olive Bap tist church a highly cultured minister He and his talente!

> Rev William of Haskell wis a welcome visitor this week.

Prof Woods of Tulsa was in the city this week

Mr Flynn while visiting upon his fine form here this week w . greeted by a large rattle si le the reptile had 10 rattles and music for Mr Flynn

Mr H C Mc Cormick assist ... t Oklahomians will bring back postmaster and Mr Jones 1. if clerk of Boley spent a few days in our city and was Royally REMBER KELLEY'S HAND tertained by a number of 'Tuesa LAUNDRY is still in town and bells in party last Thursday night. He returned home this 45 Strip. 1926

dent to light the way.